

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

February 9, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: February 12, Jessica Wofford; February 13, Zach Smith; February 14, Anna Elizabeth Wilson; February 15, Andrew Ellis, John Ellis; February 16, Eric Bucholz. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

PLEASE JOIN US TODAY FOR SUNDAY LUNCH THIS SUNDAY which is being prepared by Linda Pennington, Cindy Jones, Laurel Hanna and Andrea Simpson families. Please thank them for their ministry of fellowship and food. The Cost for Adults \$5.00, children \$3.00. Visitors eat free.

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION will be offered in a spoken service at 12:15 pm on February 14, as well as in the full liturgy with music at 7:00 pm. Each service will offer the imposition of ashes. NEW CREATION will NOT be held on Ash Wednesday, or the Wednesdays during Lent.

JOIN US THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, FOR OUR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Pancakes and all the fixin's will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. Then we will gather in the courtyard to burn the palms from last Palm Sunday and prepare for our Lenten journey. Proceeds from the meal support our LCY members attending the national gathering.

"CHRIST THE SAVIOR – A LENTEN ENCOUNTER THROUGH ART" will be the focus of our Wednesday evening Lenten worship gatherings this year. A simple supper will be offered in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:20 pm. We will gather in the worship space at 6:30 pm. Our conversation together will focus on the themes of the altarpiece in Martin Luther's church in Wittenberg. Wrapped in Scripture, prayer and song, we will be encountered by Christ the Savior. This service will replace NEW CREATION, which will resume on April 4.

IT'S TIME TO FILL OUT OUR 2018 TIME & TALENT FORMS! a link to the online form was emailed this week and can also be found on our website at www.stmichaelca.org. You may complete the form online or if you would prefer to fill out a paper copy, they are available in the Gathering Area. Please place paper copies in the offering plate. Our Youth are also encouraged to fill out a form. We are grateful for all that you do for St. Michael's!

LENTEN SUPPER MINISTERS NEEDED FOR MARCH 21! Thanks to the ministry of Carolyn Schultz and your enthusiasm, we have meal ministers for four of the five Lenten Suppers! If you can help on March 21, please contact Carolyn directly, or email her at schutlmail01@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP AT LUTHERIDGE AND LUTHEROCK.

Program descriptions are on the website at www.novusway.org, There is a significant discount for registrations completed before mid-March. Give a child you love a week of living and learning and growing in Christian community!!! Scholarship assistance is always available.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Remember to check your mailboxes in the Terracycle room for updates and information pertaining to your ministry area and responsibility.

NEW LOOK FOR THE COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL CENTER: A second bundle of Niches was installed on Wednesday, January 31. There are only 5 single Niches remaining in B section. The new bundle was ordered about four months ago and arrived at St. Michael on January 25. The new section of Niches will be Section C. Now is an excellent time to make a selection. There are 64 niches in the new bundle. The price of a Niche is \$1500 per unit.

MEMORIAL WALL: Panel 1 of the Memorial Wall section in the Columbarium and Memorial Center is full. Panel 2 will be ordered in the next several weeks. Should you have family members or past members of St. Michael you would like to add to the wall, now is an excellent time to let us know. A name on the Memorial Wall is \$300. Please contact trustees: Grethe Bunes, Howard Leonard or Tommy Clarke with any questions.

SPIRIT MATTERS is a newly forming group focusing on spiritual nurture in a group setting with shared leadership. We are an OPEN group. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Nelson or Pastor Robert. SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT AND FAITH-FILLED ENCOURAGEMENT are hard to find in the world. Yet God calls some of us to give those gifts to each other.

HELP MAKE HISTORY AT SMLC: As you organize for the new year and plan your spring cleaning, please keep the church history room in mind. If you have photos or any other memorabilia from church projects, programs, or events that you don't want to keep, please consider submitting those items for the church history. Envelopes are available in the history room to organize your contributions. Please include as much information as possible about the event or project, the date, and the name of the group or the individuals in any photos. Howard Leonard and Mary Lee Mowry can answer questions.

SAINTS ALIVE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, February 28 at 12:45 in the Gathering hall, right after the Lenten Service. This will be a pot-luck meal. Our own Mr. Ed Hunt will be doing a "Name That Tune" program which is a new version of years past. We are also calling this our "Sock Hop" as we are collecting socks all through February to support the Miracle Hill shelters for the homeless. They need socks for men, women and children. This is a joint local mission effort by Sts. Alive and the St. Michael Social Ministry Team. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with your St. Michael family.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO COOK A YOUTH DINNER! There are many spots available. A "Sign-Up Genius" email was recently sent to parents and friends. We are not using the sign up board in the gathering area this year. If you would like to cook and didn't receive the sign-up email, please contact Angela Bostick at angelalouiseclark@hotmail.com.

A THIRTY MINUTE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION BEGINS AT 12:15 PM each Wednesday during Lent. This spoken service offers an opportunity to be centered in the center of the work week as we seek to grow in faith and discipleship through our Lenten journey. We will begin on Ash Wednesday.

"SOCK HOP" UPDATE: Our first week of the sock drive has been tremendous, so thank you and keep them coming. The first week we received 131 socks! 94 for men, 21 for women and 16 for children. The men's socks were delivered to the Greenville Rescue Mission (operated by Miracle Hill Ministries) and they were very thankful. When we have more women and children socks, we will deliver those as well. From Social Ministry and Saints Alive, we thank you!

WE BELIEVE EACH PERSON HAS GIFTS TO GIVE IN MINISTRY, and we seek always to help you discover and claim your ministry of loving service to God and God's Church. Under Jessica Wofford's leadership, our Time and Talent process is being revised and improved. Please help us help each other by participating, and by giving your constructive feedback to members of Council.

MIKE HUTCHINSON WILL GIVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION BEFORE WORSHIP at each service this Sunday to help us know more about the Time & Talent process and how it works.

LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY COMING MAY 6, 2018! Join your St. Michael family at our Lutheran Camp and Conference Center as we worship and fellowship outside, and celebrate together God's holy work of new creation!

THE JOHNSIE RICHARDSON CIRCLE has rescheduled their meeting from February 13 to Tuesday, February 20th due to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We will meet at the home of Suzie Smith at 7:00 PM. Elaine Holland has the program.

THE BERYL HILLER CIRCLE will meet this Tuesday, February 13th at 10:00 AM at St. Michael's. Grethe Bunes will host and Joyce Tucker has the program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS: Shipwrecked Rescue by Jesus, June 18 -22 from 9am-12pm. Contact Karen Street karenstreet@charter.net for any questions. LCY will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX at the end of June, so VBS has been moved to a week earlier than it is typically scheduled.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CRAWL Youth Group (Birth-2 or 3 YEARS & Parents)

Join us Sunday at 9:45am

YOUNG YOUTH (K4 – 5th Grade)

No Meeting

LCY (6th – 12th Grade)

Meeting, 6-8pm

*We have about \$15,000 to \$20,000 still to raise for the National Youth Gathering trip in Houston, TX!

Upcoming 2018 Youth Gathering Fundraisers for 15 Youth and 5 Adults; please save the dates!

***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, Feb. 13 6pm**

***Silent Auction and Variety Show, Sunday, March 4 6pm.**

*We have a few items, but we are asking for additional donations for the Silent Auction.
Please contact Nancy Adair.*

***Rent-A-Kid: more details to come!**

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

We will not meet Feb. 14th due to Ash Wednesday services.

Join us again Wednesday, February 21 as we begin our Lenten study.

Dinner and Childcare provided weekly!!!

See Pastor Elise for details and check out our **FACEBOOK** page.

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Thirsty Thursdays

COME. FELLOWSHIP. BE FED.

Do you consider yourself a "Young Adult"?

Are you looking for an intentional faith group & good friends?

Do you need a break from your regular weekly routine?

Do you want a place where you can stay connected to Jesus, have a support network within the church, & have meaningful conversation about faith & life in a casual social setting?

Then **JOIN US** for **Thirsty Thursdays**

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Join us again Thursday, February 22nd, location TBA

See Pastor Elise or check out our page on **FACEBOOK** for info.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

"And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them."

Mark 9:2-3

Monday, February 12

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 13

Beryl Hiller Circle 10:00 am

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00pm

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 14 – ASH Wednesday

Bible Study 10:30 am

Ash Wednesday Service 12:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 pm

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 15

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

Sunday, February 18

Worship Service 8:30 am

Faith Formation 9:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 am

No Sunday Lunch

Young Youth 4:00 pm

LCY 6:00 pm

Lessons for February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15